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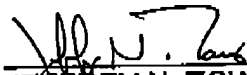
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In response to the Office Action mailed October 14, 2004, Applicants request  
reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

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